



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Pilot Hill Fire Lookout Ongoing Access Road Maintenance		
PROJECT LOCATION	T11N, R8E, SE ¼ Section 12 MDBM, within State owned and Private property through easement.	COUNTY	El Dorado
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves ongoing maintenance and some repair work of the access road to the Pilot Hill Lookout. The segment of road which will be maintained/repared by CAL FIRE begins at the lower cattle guard on Pilot Peak road and continuing up to and around the Lookout facility. A distance of approximately 1 mile. Maintenance activities shall include re-grading with a road grader, re-gravelling as required to maintain the road prism in a passable condition, the use of a backhoe and roller for the installation of 2 drainage facilities (waterbreaks) and the cleaning out of three existing 12 inch culvert inlets. All equipment work will be limited to the existing road prism which is approximately 12 feet wide and culvert inlets. Ongoing maintenance work will be initiated approximately every three to five years or sooner if needed. This NOE will cover ongoing road maintenance for approximately 10 years. In 2022, CAL FIRE will re-assess the environmental setting and amend the CEQA file for this project, as appropriate.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1, §15301(c) Maintenance of Existing Public Facilities  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under the description for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption to CEQA. CALFIRE staff conducted an environmental review to confirm that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This review included an on-the-ground field inspection by the Unit Forester, Area Forester and a CALFIRE State Archaeologist on 1/8/2013, and consultation via email with representatives of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Regional Water Quality Control Board. None of these three experts (Archaeology, DFW or WQ) expressed any concerns with the proposed project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at AEU Unit Headquarters in Camino.

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